

Abstract

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5 A smart card personalization system provides an interface to smart card  
personalization stations and to external computing or data resources which normally are  
not available directly to personalization station. A card issuer management systems  
prepares card objects and assigns a unique card object identifier. A smart card  
personalization server receives the card objects from the card issuer management  
system. A smart card personalization controller receives the unique card object  
identifiers and routes the card object identifiers to waiting personalization stations. The  
10 personalization stations use the card object identifier to request data and services from  
the smart card personalization server in order to personalize the smart card. The  
services provided by the smart card personalization server include data services,  
security services and support services. The smart card personalization server supports  
multiple active personalization station sessions.

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